

## BOOK REVIEWS.

FLETCHER, J. BAINBRIDGE. *Some South Indian Insects and other animals of importance, considered especially from an economic point of view.* Royal Octavo; pp. vii+565; figs. 440; pls. 50. Madras, 1914. \$2.25.

Aside from a number of short chapters on general topics, this large volume is concerned mainly with an enumeration of the more important economic insects of southern India. Under each species the information is arranged in short paragraphs dealing with the distribution, life-history, food-plants, status, control and natural enemies. Almost without exception each species is figured either by black and white text-figures or by colored figures arranged on plates; the latter, many of which have already appeared in other Indian governmental publications, are uniformly well executed and usually illustrate the developmental stages and injury in addition to the adult insects. The quality and the text figures are variable, some are good, but a few like those of the smaller parasitic hymenoptera and fleas are very crude.

The carefully systematized arrangement of the descriptive matter should make the text extremely useful not only to economic entomologists in India, but it will place in available form much information of great value to the agricultural population. To the latter, the list of crops with their attendant pests which occupies over twenty pages of the book will be especially welcome.